

# Central Florida HIV Planning Council

## RW Community Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

**Call to Order:** The Co-Chair, Mr. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at The Center, located at 946 Mills Ave., Orlando, FL 32803.

**Participants Present:** Vel Cline, Dean Hutchins, Ira Westbrook, Gabriella Rodriguez, Tim Collins Marion S., Seantel J., Nathaniel B., Willie, Ronald W., Andre Antenor via teleconference, Sam Q. via teleconference, Flora Kavitch via teleconference, Sean W. via teleconference, Ronny M. via teleconference

<b>Approval of the agenda:</b>	<p>The committee reviewed and approved the March agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Mr. Hutchins made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously without debate.</p>
<b>Approval of the February 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes:</b>	<p>The committee discussed the February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes and updated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrected a spelling error.</li></ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes with the update. Ms. Stephaney seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously without debate.</p>
<b>Open the floor for public comment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Stephney stated that it seems like the 30-day bus passes are expiring in less than 30 days. Ms. Yabrudy addressed the concern and will follow-up after the meeting. Ms. Stephany asked how to become a representative of the Ryan White Community Meeting. Mr. Bent informed about the nomination process after becoming a full member. Ms. Stephney also inquired about how to get enrolled in the ADAP insurance program. Ms. Yabrudy informed about the eligibility and enrollment process.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few participants recommended that the RW Community meeting Chair should be more involved in the selection of presenters for the meetings.</li> <li>• Mr. Bell said that in his opinion, meetings are too controlled and not fun. Mr. Bell also said that meetings should go back to the start time of 11:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Willie asked why ex-offenders are not able to speak at meetings. Mr. Bent informed that all meetings are open to the public and that every member of the public is given the opportunity to speak during the open the floor for public comment portion of the meetings.</li> <li>• Ms. Smith said that she does not appreciate being lectured by case managers regarding the use of the food cards and reiterated that case managers need to do a better job of returning phone calls.</li> <li>• Mr. Collins would like to see more community members and consumers involved in recruitment.</li> <li>• Ms. Jarrett asked about the process of getting referrals to see an eye specialist. Ms. Yabrudy responded to Ms. Jarrett's inquiry. Ms. Jarrett would like see meeting flyers passed out to case management agencies and stressed the importance of case managers informing their clients about the meetings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Membership Committee Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Membership Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.</li> </ul> <p><b>Service Systems &amp; Quality Committee Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Service Systems &amp; Quality Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>PR &amp; Marketing Committee Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PR &amp; Marketing Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs Assessment &amp; Planning Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Needs Assessment &amp; Planning Committee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cross provided the participants with a vision for the future presentation. The participants provided the following feedback to the questions asked during the presentation:</li> </ul> <p>In one or two words, describe your Ryan White Community Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcoming</li> <li>▪ Hope</li> <li>▪ Networking</li> <li>▪ Informative</li> <li>▪ Good information</li> <li>▪ Service</li> <li>▪ Sharing</li> <li>▪ Love</li> <li>▪ More voices being heard.</li> <li>▪ More community</li> </ul> <p>Every new planning cycle, the Ryan White community participants list presentations they want to see for the next year such as..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to advocate for yourself as a person with HIV</li> <li>▪ Mental Health &amp; substance abuse issues</li> <li>▪ Safe sex &amp; Covid-19</li> <li>▪ HIV &amp; aging</li> <li>▪ Home HIV testing and how testing is evolving.</li> <li>▪ Transgender Support Services &amp; HIV</li> <li>▪ Housing resources &amp; support</li> </ul>

- How to cope with living with HIV & Covid-19

List other presentation Ideas..

- Life insurance
- HIV & nutrition
- Information on ACA insurance and open enrollment
- Maintaining a good weight while in ART

Are there other ways we can promote the Ryan White Community Meeting?

- Expand education with local clinics that provide services.
- Public service announcements
- Pass flyers out to agencies
- Social media and community agencies
- Getting the Chairs involved in presentations and recruitment for this meeting.

Are there other things you want to see out of the Ryan White Community meeting?

- Attendees from service programs to answer questions. An example is ADAP representative addressing concerns.
- More participation in the decision-making process on Planning Council
- Guiding clients to the process of staying healthy and maintaining benefits.

Are there any other ideas you want to share for the improvement of the Ryan White Community meeting?

- Expand on education related to service programs such as ACA, MH support, nutrition.

### ACTION ITEMS

Item	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 20, 2021
<b>Adjournment:</b>	8:15 p.m.

Prepared by: David Bent Date: 3/19/2021

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_